(b) if so, what would be the area likely to be submerged and which wildlife is present in the area; and

(c) whether the State wildlife wing of Orissa has carried out any study regarding the negative impact of this project on wildlife and if not, by when would it be done?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Government have granted forestry clearance for diversion of 3.963 hectare of forest land for Jhada Bandha Minor Irrigation Project under Parlakhemudi Forest Division, Orissa, on 14th August, 2001. It would involve submergence of 3.097 hectare of forest area. The area neither forms part of National Park of Wildlife Sanctuary nor a habitat of rare species. However, a few species of wildlife like bear, barking deer, wild boar, spotted deer, jackal etc. do come to this area from the adjoining areas.

(c) There is no report of any study having been carried out by the State Wildlife Wing of Orissa regarding negative impact of this project as it is not considered necessary.

Monetary allocation for National Lake Conservation Plan

1135. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the monetary allocation made for National Lake Conservation Plan and how many lakes are identified for the purpose, State-wise;

(b) whether the Kankaria Lake, Lakhota Lake, Hamirsar Lake and Nal Sarovar Lake in Gujarat have been considered by the Ministry for National Lake Conservation Plan; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The financial allocation for National Lake Conservation Plan

during the Tenth Plan is Rs. 220 crore. So far 26 lakes have been included for conservation under the National Lake Conservation Plan. These are as under:

Sl.No.	State	Lakes
1.	Maharashtra	Powai, 9 lakes of Thane
2.	Tamil Nadu	Ooty, Kodaikanal
3.	Karnataka	4 lakes of Bangalore (Jaraganahalli, Kamakshipalya, Nagavara and Vengainahakere), Bellandur, Kotekere, Bhishma.
4.	Uttaranchal	Nainital, Bhimtal, Sattal, Naukuchiatal, Khurpatal
5.	West Bengal	Rabindra Sarovar
6.	Rajasthan	Mansagar

The State Governments have been asked to prioritize and submit Detailed Project Reports for selected lakes in their State, which shall be taken up under the National Lake Conservation Plan depending upon their pollution status and availability of funds.

(b) and (c) Funds amounting to Rs. 38 lakh have been provided by the Ministry for conservation of Nal Sarovar Lake in Gujarat. Government of Gujarat has not sent any proposal for conservation of Kankaria, Lakhota and Hamirsar lakes to the Ministry.

Shrinking of Dal Lake

1136. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Asia's largest freshwater Dal Lake in Srinagar is shrinking;

(b) whether it is a fact that the tributaries connected with the Dal Lake and the Jhelum river have been turned into cesspools and Nagin Lake is more or less a marsh now; and